



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### BIKE MONTH PROMOTES ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

**Bishop** – Bike month, celebrated each year in May, is a national event that promotes active transportation by bicycling. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) participated with local agencies to promote bike month in the Eastern Sierra. A local bike challenge was hosted by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and ten local entities participated which concluded on May 31, 2017.

Local entities that participated in the challenge include, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, Toiyabe Indian Health Project, Northern Inyo Hospital, City of Bishop, Inyo County, Bureau of Land Management, US National Forest Services, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Caltrans.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, participants gathered together for an awards ceremony. Four awards were presented with the first award being the highest employee participation and most miles ridden. Northern Inyo Hospital won this award with 17 participants and employee Mike Cipriano who averaged just under 200 miles per week on his bike.

The next award went to David German who is with the Department of Fish and Wildlife who logged 59 rides and averaged about 250 miles per week in May.

An honorable mention award was presented to Toiyabe Indian Health Project for bringing a bike share program to Bishop. Bicycles for rent have been placed at Toiyabe Indian Health Clinic and the Bishop City Park.

And finally, an honorable mention went to Robin Picken with the City of Bishop for organizing and planning this year's Bike to Work month.

Riding your bike to work is an excellent alternative mode of transportation, promotes healthy living, and assists in reducing our impact on the environment.

